Self-Realisation for Myself.

It was one of those days when there were very few visitors – only about three or four, and all of them the usual visitors. So the session turned into an intimate one, with Shri Maharaj talking about some of his experiences in his younger days. This was a very rare occasion and all of us considered ourselves lucky to have had this opportunity of listening to Shri Maharaj talk to us so intimately. And, as on such occasions, time just flew and before we knew, it was almost the end of the session.

Perhaps Shri Maharaj did not want to end the session without some little time being spent on the visitors. He asked one of us a "loaded" question, but was happy to get what he ~~thought~~ considered a reasonably good answer. Then, he turned to a lady, a senior visitor, extremely well educated, with a doctorate in philosophy. He asked her casually if she ~~had~~ thought she had acquired whatever she had come to Shri Maharaj in search of. She had listened to Shri Maharaj for months and should have known better, but somehow, she happened to utter the words: Shri Maharaj, do please confer your Grace on me and let me have liberation for myself. That is all I want for myself – self-realisation.

Shri Maharaj ~~looked at~~ turned around to look at her angrily, and we thought he would be very angry indeed, but then, suddenly his expression changed into one of sorrow, disappointment and frustration, rather than anger. Now you see, what he said, I have always been saying – that you all do not listen to what I say; you ~~listen to~~ hear the words and forget the import. You hear the words, but you do not try to understand what I am saying.

"~~Are~~ You are still ignorant of the basic truth", Shri Maharaj continued, "even after listening to me all these months. Now, once more, here it is –

(A) as long as you continue to believe that you are an individual entity (wanting liberation), you cannot be FREE because bondage is nothing other than identification with a phenomenal

Object ~~i.e.~~. So long as the I-notion persists, realisation cannot arrive.

(B) The very desire for self-realisation shuts the door on the simple truth that ~~you~~ we are, ~~by nature~~ NATURALLY FREE!

(C) There cannot be a Knower of Truth because Truth cannot be dualistic: The KNOWING itself is ~~the~~ TRUTH.

(D) A 'me' or a 'you' is trying to find Reality objectively - and Reality objectively is not. ~~any other~~ There cannot be a 'thing' to seek a 'thing'.

(E) That which is sought and cannot be found is the Seeker!